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General Social Survey

GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY

The **General Social Survey** (GSS), 2002 (cat. no. 4159.0) is due for release in September 2003. It is a new survey which brings together information across areas of social concern, to provide insight into the relationships between various social and economic characteristics. Topics include: health; housing; education; work; income; financial stress; broad assets and

liabilities; transport; family and community; and crime. For further information contact Graeme Groves on (02) 6252 5943, email: graeme.groves@abs.gov.au.

2001 Census Data

2001 CENSUS DATA

Census of Population and Housing: Ageing in Australia (cat. no. 2048.0) is due for release in October 2003. It analyses the characteristics of the older population drawing on 2001 Census data, and reporting on trends over time by comparing these results with data from previous Censuses. For further information contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, the National Ageing Statistics Unit on (07) 3222 6206, or visit the ABS website.

Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (cat. no. 4713.0) is due for release in November 2003. This publication presents information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples based on the 2001 Census. It includes information on the growth, location and composition of the population. The publication provides population estimates for Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons in 5-year age ranges up to persons aged 75 years and over. For more information contact Sharon Pech on (02) 6252 6301, email: sharon.pech@abs.gov.au.

Disability and the 2006 Census

DISABILITY AND THE 2006 CENSUS

Development of a suitable question on disability for the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. The focus of the question will be on the concept of 'need for assistance'. In preparation for the 2006 Census a Census Advisory Group on Disability (CAGD) was convened, with representatives from a range of areas. A key role of the group is to identify and prioritise the key requirements for disability data for small areas. A series of focus group tests occurred in the first half of 2003, with a large scale test in August 2003, and a further large scale test in 2004. For further information, contact Ken Black on (02) 6252 7430, email: ken.black@abs.gov.au, or Margaret Sherley on (02) 6252 5544, email: margaret.sherley@abs.gov.au.

Business Longitudinal Database and Small Business User Review

BUSINESS LONGITUDINAL DATABASE AND SMALL BUSINESS USER

REVIEW

The ABS is developing a **Business Longitudinal Database** (BLD) and undertaking a **Small Business User Review**. The Australian Business Register (ABR), as well as a range of ABS and administrative by-product data, are being used in the development of the BLD. The Australian Business Number (ABN) will provide the basis for linking the various data sources. The purpose of the Small Business User Review is to understand existing and emerging data requirements for statistics relating to the small business sector. Information gathered in this review will contribute to the development of an Information Development Plan for business demographic statistics that meets the needs of key stakeholders. The ABS will be conducting seminars with stakeholders in Sydney during October 2003, for both the BLD and Small Business User Review. Details will be advertised in the press closer to the date. For more information contact Murray Klee on (02) 6252 5452, email: murray.klee@abs.gov.au.

State Accounts 2002-03

STATE ACCOUNTS 2002-03

State Accounts, Australian National Accounts, 2002-03 (cat. no. 5220.0) is due for release in November 2003. This publication contains state and territory estimates of gross domestic product (referred to as gross state product) and its expenditure and income components, in current price and chain volume terms, for the years 1994-95 to 2002-03. It will also provide state and territory estimates for total factor income; household income; and agricultural income. The estimates in this publication will be consistent with those published for Australia in the 2002-03 issue of Australian System of National Accounts (cat. no. 5204.0) also due for release in November 2003. For more information contact Wendy Agostino on (02) 6252 5892, email: w.agostino@abs.gov.au.

Business Research and Development Survey

BUSINESS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

The processing of the **Business Research and Development (R&D) Survey** for the year 2001-02 is nearing completion. Details collected include: R&D expenditure and human resources devoted to R&D classified by type of expenditure; location of expenditure; source of funds; business employment size; type of employee; research fields and socioeconomic objectives. The survey also included a question on biotechnology R&D. Summary statistics for 2001-02 are included in the publication Research and Experimental Development, Businesses, Australia (cat. no. 8104.0) which was released in August. For further information contact Kevin Squair on (02) 6252 5707, email: kevin.squair@abs.gov.au.

Review of Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas, 2001

REVIEW OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDEXES FOR AREAS, 2001

The **Review of Socio-Economic Indexes For Areas** (SEIFA) is now complete. After an extensive consultation process, the Review team released a Position Paper in January. After validation by an expert group and State ABS offices, the final indexes and a user guide are due to be released in September 2003. For further information contact Robert Tanton (02) 6252 5506, email: robert.tanton@abs.gov.au.

National Health Survey

NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

National Health Survey: Private Health Insurance, Australia (cat. no. 4815.0.55.001) is due for release in September 2003. It contains national statistics about the types and levels of private health insurance cover held by Australians cross classified with demographic characteristics; self-assessed health status; health-related actions; hospital admissions and selected long-term conditions. For further information contact Darren Evans on (02) 6252 6415, email: darren.evans@abs.gov.au.

The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF AUSTRALIA'S ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (cat. no. 4704.0) was released in August 2003. It provides a comprehensive statistical overview of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and welfare. Among the topics included are: mortality; ill health; risk factors; access to, and use of, services; and recent developments in health and welfare information. For more information contact Jennifer Coccetti on (08) 8943 2195, email: jennifer.coccetti@abs.gov.au.

Information Development Plans

INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Development of an Information Development Plan (IDP). The purpose of an IDP is to be an agreed 3-5 year plan, within a specific field of statistics, to meet the information needs of key stakeholders. An IDP describes the emerging areas of public debate and identifies any

statistical gaps or deficiencies in the available data, frameworks, classifications and standards. Strategies and actions are defined to address the shortcomings. IDPs are developed by extensive consultation with stakeholders and will typically identify actions to be taken by a range of agencies. They encourage improved data holdings across all agencies to maximise the data available for informed decision making and debate. For more information contact Bob Mackay on (02) 9268 4252, email: bob.mackay@abs.gov.au.

The **National Information Development Plan (NIDP)** for Crime and Justice is currently in the consultation phase. In NSW, these consultations were conducted using a three-tiered approach. An initial briefing was provided to members of the Criminal Justice System Chief Executive Officers Standing Committee in June. Following this, meetings with agency CEOs and their senior staff were held throughout August. The third part of the consultation process involved a half-day workshop on August 25 for the broader crime and justice community. For further information contact Karen Gelb on (03) 9615 7681, email: karen.gelb@abs.gov.au.

Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers

SURVEY OF DISABILITY, AGEING AND CARERS

Enumeration of the 2003 **Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC)** (cat. no. 4430.0) is currently underway. This process should be completed in November 2003, with results expected to be released from late May 2004. The survey will cover three main areas: people with a disability (including disability status, main condition, assistance needed/received, use of aids, use of public transport and employment restrictions); older persons (including assistance needed/received, culture leisure participation, disability status and income); and people who provide assistance to others because of their disability (including carer status, relationship to main recipient, time spent caring for main recipient, need for and receipt of respite care, reasons for caring). For further information contact Ken Black on (02) 6252 7430, email: ken.black@abs.gov.au or contact: Margaret Sherley on (02) 6252 5544, email: margaret.sherley@abs.gov.au.

Australia's Environment

AUSTRALIA'S ENVIRONMENT

Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends (cat. no. 4613.0) was released in July, 2003. It presents a broad selection of environmental statistics and information which illustrate topical environmental issues. The publication explores some of the relationships that exist between our use of the natural environment in Australia for socio-economic benefit and the impacts that some of these activities have on our ecology and stocks of natural resources. For more information contact Michael Vardon on (02) 6252 7348, email: michael.vardon@abs.gov.au.

Statistical Training

STATISTICAL TRAINING

The ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy Section provides a range of training courses throughout the year. Courses offered for the next few months include: Principles of Questionnaire Design, 5-6 September; Turning Data Into Information, 16-17 September; and Understanding Demographic Data, 21 November. For more information contact the Training Coordinator on (02) 9268 4653, email: client.services@abs.gov.au.

National Information and Referral Service

NATIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE

The **National Information and Referral Service** is a phone information service operated by the ABS. It is staffed by trained consultants, at the ABS' national contact centre. They can be reached on a toll free number from anywhere in Australia between 8:30am and 5:00pm weekdays. When you call, our consultants can work with you to satisfy your information needs. Within a 5 minute time frame, NIRS is able to provide a range of free current published data over the telephone, or refer you to other options. To contact the NIRS call 1300 135 070, fax 1300 135 211, email: client.services@abs.gov.au or post to 'Client Services, ABS, GPO Box 796, Sydney NSW 2001'.

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Selected Releases June 2003 to August 2003

SELECTED RELEASES JUNE 2003 TO AUGUST 2003

To order ABS publications please contact the
ABS National Information & Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

1349.0 **New** Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring Trends, 2003 (\$10.00)

4183.0 Cultural Funding by Government, Australia, 2001-02 (\$19.00)

6227.0.30.001 **New** Survey of Education and Work, Australia - Confidentialised Unit Record File on CD-ROM, May 2001 (\$8,000.00)

4704.0 The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, 2003 (\$60.00)

3319.0.55.001 **New** Information Paper: Multiple Cause of Death Analysis, 1997 to 2001, Electronic delivery **Free**

3321.0.55.001 **New** Drug-induced Deaths, Australia, 1991 to 2001, Electronic delivery **Free**

1252.0.55.001 **New** National Localities Index, Australia, July 2003, Electronic delivery **Free**

7123.1.55.001 **New** Agricultural State Profile, New South Wales, 2000-01, Electronic delivery **Free**

2007.0 Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing, ABS Views on Content and Procedures, 2006 (\$10.00)

1362.1 Regional Statistics, New South Wales, 2003 (Reissue) (\$35.00)

8906.0 Australian Hospital Statistics, 2001-02 (Produced by Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) (\$50.00)

2040.0.30.002 **New** Census of Population and Housing: CDATE 2001 Add-on Datapack - Indigenous Profile, 2001, CD-ROM (Australia \$1,225.00, NSW \$860.00)

2040.0.30.003 **New** Census of Population and Housing: CDATE 2001 Add-on Datapack - Usual Residents Profile, 2001, CD-ROM (Australia \$2,670.00, NSW \$1,330.00)

2040.0.30.006 **New** Census of Population and Housing: CDATE 2001 Add-on Datapack - Estimated Resident Population, 2001, CD-ROM (Australia \$255.00, NSW \$85.00)

2047.0.30.001 **New** Census for Schools, August 2001, CD-ROM (\$1,000.00)

4148.0 **New** Employment in Sport and Recreation, Australia, August 2001 (\$22.00)

4444.0.30.001 **New** Child Care Survey, Australia, Confidentialised Unit Record File on CD ROM, 1993, CD-ROM (\$5,500.00)

2006.0 **New** Census of Population and Housing: Working Population Profile, 2001, Various media (\$10.00)

3101.0 Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2002 (\$24.00)

4102.0 Australian Social Trends, 2003 (\$49.00)

4613.0 Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends, 2003 (\$44.00)

Selected Expected Releases September and October 2003

SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2003

Release dates for publications can be obtained from the ABS web site.
On the home page go to Products and Services, Release Advice.

2037.0 Census of Population and Housing: Household Sample File Technical Paper, 2001 (\$25.00)

2048.0 **New** Census of Population and Housing: Ageing in Australia, 2001 (\$33.00)

3222.0	Population Projections, Australia 2002 to 2101 (\$42.00)
8928.0	Australia's Health Service Expenditure, 2000-01 (Produced by Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) (\$21.50)
1377.0 New	Measures of a knowledge-based Economy and Society, Australia 2003 Free
4159.0 New	General Social Survey, Australia 2002 (\$32.00)
8146.0	Household Use of Information Technology, Australia 2001-02 (\$25.00)
4815.0.55.001	National Health Survey: Private Health Insurance, Australia 2001 Free
New	
2033.0.30.001	Census of Population and Housing: Socio-economic indexes for Areas (SEIFA), by state, 2001 (Australia \$2,500.00, NSW \$1,750.00)
3301.0	Births, Australia 2002 (\$30.00)

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